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INSIDE TODAY

WORLD NEWS

GEORGIA PROTESTS



Supporters of Georgian opposition attend a rally in front of the Georgian parliament in Tbilisi, Georgia, Friday, April 10, 2009. Some thousands of demonstrators are blocking the street in front of Georgia's parliament as protests demanding the president's resignation enter their second day.

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SPORTS NEWS

MANNY



In this May 4, 2009 file photo, Los Angeles Dodgers' Manny Ramirez grimaces after being hit by a pitch during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks in Los Angeles. Major league baseball says Dodgers' Manny Ramirez is suspended 50 games for drug violation.

See Sports Today



Price of a barrel of petroleum today:

US\$ 56.71

Introducing Beach BBQ at the Holiday Inn U.S. Celebrity Chef Jay McCarthy shows Aruba how to smoke



PALM BEACH – This week, Celebrity Chef Jay McCarthy, currently hailing from Texas, shared his smoking meat techniques. He starts by telling us that it takes an hour per pound to smoke the meats to the perfect flavor and tenderness. Chef Jay and the Holiday Inn



staff prepared a fantastic BBQ with a variety of different cuts for the local Press to sample. The afternoon was accompanied

by buckets of cold Balashi Beer. Chef Jay introduced the Holiday Inn's new theme night "Beach BBQ, a Pit Full of Fun and

Flavor" this week and it will repeat even Monday night at 6 pm by the pooldeck.

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Mark Adkins makes a stop at Paseo Herencia Mall Soul Beach Music director visits Moby Dick's



PASEO HERENCIA – The island of Aruba is gearing up for the Soul Beach Music Festival 2009 to be held on May 20-25, 2009. SBMF Director Mark Adkins arrived this week to make all the preparations for

the most electrifying music festival event ever. Yesterday, he stopped into one of Aruba's newest restaurants Moby Dick's where he had the unique opportunity to participate in a food tasting.

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Join us at Texas de Brazil on Saturday night

PALM BEACH – The health and calorie conscious among us need fear steakhouses no more. Whether it's a low-carb, low-fat, or even vegetarian diet you follow, Texas de Brazil Churrascaria fits into just about every dieter's menu plan. Low carb eaters will have all their expectations surpassed with a

tempting carnivorous selection of umpteen cuts of sizzling beef, pork, lamb, sausage, and poultry. The meats are prepared in the healthiest style of cooking—slow roasting—where much of the fat drips off in the roasting process, so those looking for a lower fat option to sautéing,

pan frying, or deep frying will also be able to indulge. The Brazilian-style steakhouse also offers up a garden full of healthy eats on a lavish 40-item seasonal salad bar, giving dieters plenty to choose from to accompany the slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be

standard for most salad bars, but Texas de Brazil's version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, homemade soups, and much more. The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar.

Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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Kiwanis Club donates to the Aruban Red Cross

ORANJESTAD - Each year, Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach seeks important projects in the Aruba community to help those in need of assistance. Recently, we have donated an amount to the Aruba Red Cross for the great work this organization does in the world, but mainly also on Aruba. Red Cross Aruba is a part of Red Cross Netherlands and primarily focuses on help during disasters. Next to this, Red Cross also assists during large events like Carnaval and concerts. Red Cross is a non government, non profit organization dependant on good will and donations like the one portrayed in the picture.

Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach applauds the efforts and works of the Red Cross and will contribute on a regular basis to the organization.

The Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach is one part of Kiwanis International, a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one community and one child at a time.

We are a thriving organization, dedicated to serving the children of the world and improving quality of life. The Kiwanis Club of Palm Beach performs many community service projects in Aruba to help serve children and others in need.

In the picture, President Rossi Marchena and Chairman Milton van Brussel hand out the cheque with the donation to the volunteers of Red Cross Aruba.



Special Month of May!

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- Onion Soup
- Conch Fritters
- Fish Cake
- Salad

Entrée

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- **Filet Mignon** 8 oz. US Tenderloin
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or
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Photo by Julia Renfro

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Chef McCarthy sounds like a combination of more than one man himself. In addition to working as a chef for more than 30 years, he holds a degree in aerospace engineering; he's the corporate chef for five restaurants

in Vail/Beaver Creek, Colo.; a representative of the U.S. Meat Export Federation, teaching other chefs around the world how to cook with underutilized products; and most recently, a co-developer and sponsor of Portmeirion's Ultimate Steak Plate.

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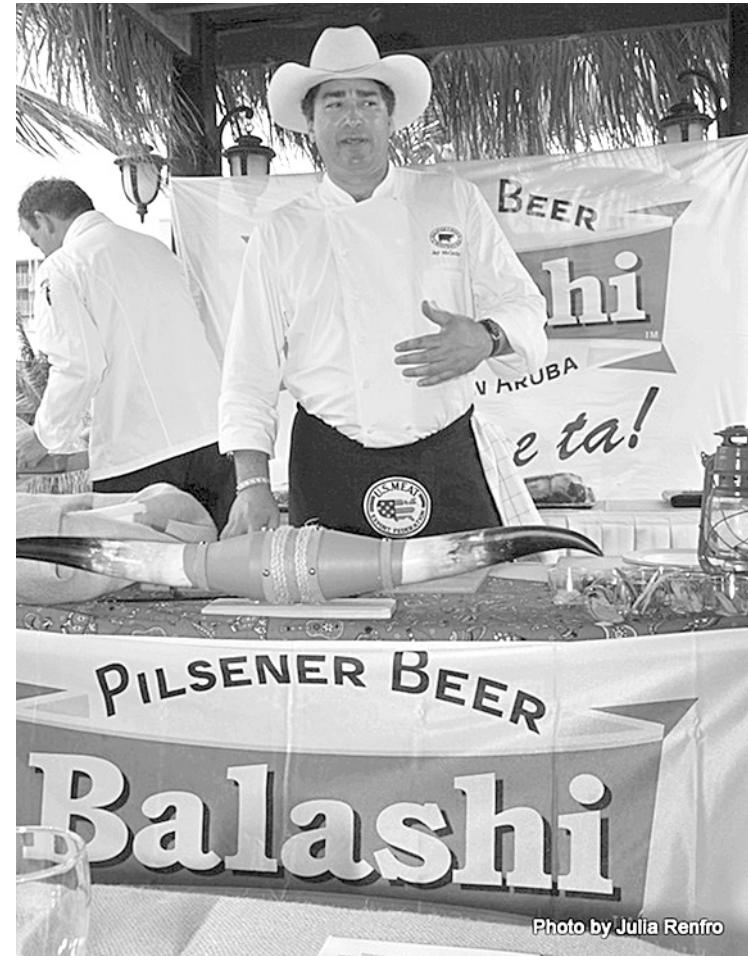


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MOTHER'S DAY AT



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PALM BEACH - Looking for something other than the ordinary brunch affair for mom

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Chef Scott has put together a special three-course indulgence that includes a choice of Aruban fish soup, New England clam chowder, fresh market greens, or classic Caesar salad, followed by a choice from nine main courses like grilled fresh mahi mahi, swordfish, and land lover choices of sirloin steak and free-range chicken. Chef Scott's authentic key lime pie-the real deal-is offered for dessert along with three other made-from-scratch sweet indulgences! All three courses are \$35.50 for the complete menu, plus service charge and tax. The special also includes a free glass of wine, Balashi beer, or soda. Aqua Grill's regular menu, that includes live Maine lobster, fresh wood-grilled fish, steaks and pasta, as well as the children's menu will be available also from 5:00pm to 11:00pm.


NOTICE:
Casino chips with old Aruba Marriott Sail Boat Logo can be cashed out at the Casino until July 1, 2009. No chip exchange is possible after July 1, 2009.

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Gulf Insurance expands, awards its local brokers

As Gulf Insurances Ltd. expands its reach in the Netherlands Antilles, the company recognized St. Maarten insurance brokers

Travel rules change for crossing the border

On June 1, travel regulations will change and American citizens crossing U.S. land and sea borders must have documents that comply with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) rules. This means that U.S. citizens will be required to present a government-approved document, one that proves both citizenship and identity, when entering the U.S. from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean or Bermuda. The Department of State recommends that travelers apply for WHTI-compliant documents as soon as possible. The U.S. Passport Book and the U.S. Passport Card are the premiere documents that denote both citizenship and identity. For a list of other government-approved documents, visit www.getyouhome.gov. The U.S. Passport Card is a wallet-sized document designed specifically to work with new systems being installed at land border crossings to help make inspections a breeze.

A Passport Card costs \$45 for an adult and \$35 for a child under the age of 16. When applied for by a previous passport holder, age 16 or older that is eligible for renewal, the Passport Card costs \$20. The Passport Card is valid only for entry to the United States at land border crossings and sea ports of entry when traveling from Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean region and Bermuda. It is not valid for international air travel. Information on how and where to apply for a U.S. Passport Card is available at www.travel.state.gov.

Tuesday for their contribution to its growth in 2008/2009.

During an appreciation luncheon aboard the yacht En'less, Trinidad-based Gulf Chairman Gerrard Lee-Inniss said as of April a separate branch, Gulf Insurance BV, was established and registered in St. Maarten with the aim of expanding Gulf's reach into the Antilles and Aruba.

Gulf has offices in Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Maarten.

Expanding the operations to Curaçao, Bonaire and Aruba is being looked into.

Gulf Insurances, operating on 11 Caribbean islands, has an excellent claim settlement record with a strong conservative streak that ensures that balance sheets are good and claims are covered, according to the chairman.

Local brokerages recognized by Gulf were Sun Insurance Brokers Best Advice for maintaining

the Largest Portfolio, Oriental Caribbean Insurance for Highest Retention Ratio, and Windward Islands Banks received the recognition for most outstanding producer. Henderson Insurances, RBTT Bank and RE/MAX Island Properties were also acknowledged.

Sun Insurance Best Advice Director Robin Ramrattan said he expects improved service from Gulf's new company structure. Of the claims filed after

Hurricane Omar in October 2008, Gulf settled 100 per cent of these within 60 days.

Former President of the St. Maarten Insurance Brokers Association (SIBA) Neil Henderson said, "St. Maarten should not be treated as the backyard, we are accustomed to good service."

St. Maarten, he added, has a very dynamic economy that is above average and there will continue to be a need for insurance services.

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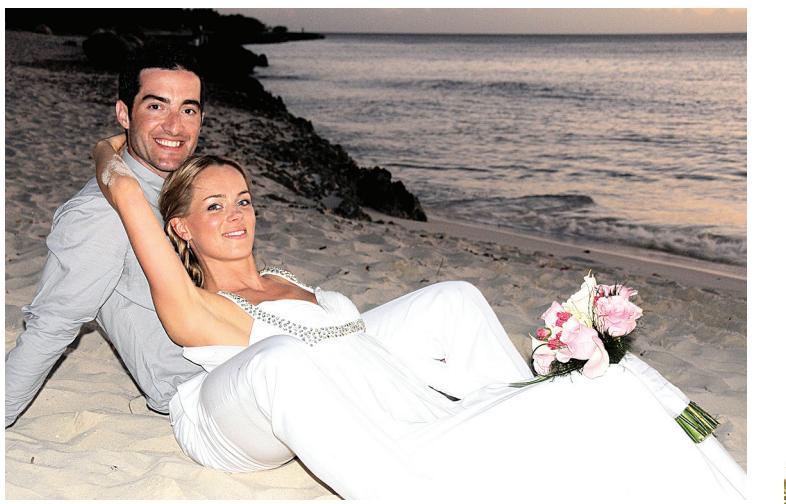
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At Amsterdam Manor

Christel & Jeffrey vow their love in paradise



of marriage. The ceremony was delivered by Officiate Ruben Trapenburg which followed with a sand ceremony. Immediately following the ceremony the newlyweds were blessed with bubbles and Bella Aruba Photography started capturing forever moments. The reception took place at the romantic Passions restaurant. Everyone welcomed the

newlyweds with a toast and a speech from Christel's dad. Most of the guests stayed in Aruba for a few days and up to almost two weeks. Christel & Jeffrey were so glad they had this great opportunity to spend

quality time with their families and all gathered in the same spot in a beautiful, relaxed and sunny place like Aruba!

"Many thanks to Lissy Lampe and the Amsterdam Manor staff for making our wedding memorable,"

Congratulations from
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Mothers Day Buffet

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Fresh catch fish in lemon butter
Sirloin Steak with Mushroom sauce
Chicken Parmesan
Mixed Seafood Medley
Shrimps alla Buccaneer
Almondine Rice
Penne con salsa Marinara
Carving Station: Chicago Round
Kids wings & ribs
Assorted Desserts**

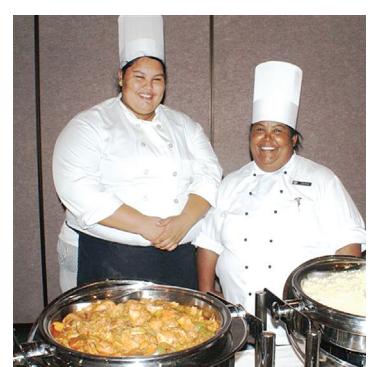
Renaissance Hosts Anniversary Celebrations



Maduro, Reservations. Marking their 10th anniversary with the Renaissance Resorts, Iraida Monticeuex, Renaissance Private Island, Mariska Geerman, Front Office, Silvio Koolman, Engineering Ocean Suits and Dora Vargas, Aquarius Restaurant.

Commemorating their 15th anniversary with the Renaissance Resorts Alex Alders, Banquet Department, Nelson Pas, Food & Beverage Ocean Suites, Brigido Rasmijn, Landscaping, Olmedo Arango, Food & Beverage, Ludes Jean Baptiste, L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House, and Lionel Merveille, Main Kitchen.

Pictured here enjoying the celebration and fruitful careers in hospitality, the Anniversary celebrants at Renaissance.



ORANJESTAD — The Renaissance Convention Center went all out in celebration of the resort-employed associates' anniversaries. The culinary team prepared a delicious interactive buffet lunch and over sumptuous desserts General Manager Paul Gielen had the distinct honor of handing out handsomely engraved plaques to his colleagues enjoying long-term careers with the property.

Celebrating their 5th anniversary with the Renaissance Resorts Raphael Maduro, Blue Bar, Washington Aguilar, L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House, Zulaika Boekhoudt, Reservations, Giovanni Kock, Accounting, Leyis Wester, L.G. Smith's Steak & Chop House Kitchen, Lina Greux, Blue Bar and Lisandra

Live Entertainment

Each Mother will receive a special Gift

Welcome Champagne/Mimosa or Punch per person

Door Prizes

Dinner for two, Lunch for two, Swedish Massage, Day Pool Stay including Lunch, Free round of Golf

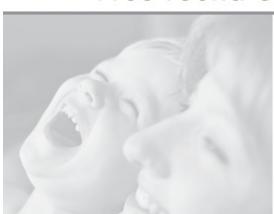
**Mothers Day Brunch
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

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Howard & Susan Meyer honored at the Bucuti Beach Resort



ORANJESTAD-Recently at the Bucuti Beach Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Bucuti Beach Resort they call their home away from home. Howard & Susan Meyer were honored as an Distinguished visitor after visiting Aruba for 10 years.

On picture Mr. Ricardo Croes together with Howard & Susan and also Deborah from the Bucuti Resort

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Mother's Day Brunch, May 10th, 2009, served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



On the menu:

Interactive Omelet Station
Eggs prepared to order with Onions, Tomato, Mushroom, Green Peppers, Bacon, Ham and Cheese, Freshly Cut Tropical Fruits, Home made Pastries and Danish Smoked Salmon with Gourmet Condiments

Seafood Station
Peel & Eat Shrimps served with Spicy Cocktail sauce and Lemon Aioli, Seafood Ceviche, Mussels served on Ice, Whole Baked Red Snapper served at the Carving Station

Soup & Salad Station
Chef's Specialty Oyster Soup, Caesar Salad Tomato & Cucumber Salad, Niçoise Salad

House Specialties
Grilled Chicken Breast served in Orange Sauce
Herb Crusted Beef Tenderloin served in Peppercorn Sauce
Our Local specialty dish "Keshi Jena"
Caribbean Vegetable Rice
Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert Station
Assorted home made cakes & pies
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Children under 12 years pay half price

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Renaissance Casinos introduce their Team of the First Quarter of 2009



ORANJESTAD – With the conclusion of the first quarter of 2009, the two Renaissance Casinos in the heart of town, Crystal Casino and the Seaport Casino, took the opportunity to acknowledge the hard

MOTHERS DAY SPECIAL breakfast & brunch



\$29.95

Champagne and mimosas included!

* Kids age 5 and under eat free;
Kids aged 6-12 \$15

Sunday May 10th

7 am - 2 pm

SUMPTUOUS FULL BREAKFAST BUFFET

Omelet station, eggs benedict, full American breakfast, pancakes, salad bar, tropical fruit & smoothies, pastechis, assorted breads, bagels, cinnamon rolls

SEAFOOD SPECIALTIES

Peel & eat shrimp
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ASSORTED HOME-MADE PIZZAS FROM OUR OVEN

Choose from a variety of toppings and flavors

BRUNCH ENTREES

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Roasted chicken penne Alfredo pasta

CARVING STATION

Honey baked ham
Garlic spiked prime rib

DESSERT STATION

Variety of delicious home-made pies, cakes and pastries

La Vista Restaurant is located at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino. No reservations needed.



work of select individuals nominated jointly as the Team of the First Quarter, 2009. For the Heart of the House, Sixta Croes - Chi A Loi, a Seaport Casino Cleaner garnered top honors, while for the Front of the House, a group of individuals were singled out as exceptional associates, namely Dealer Albert Kelly, and Cocktail Waitress Mirna Ridderstap, from the Crystal Casino; Slot Attendant Maritza Guillen, and Dealer Bernardo Nunez, both from the Seaport Casino.

Supervisor Giovanni Tromp, who works as a floor supervisor for the Crystal Casino enjoyed the respect of his peers as Supervisor of the Quarter.

The awards were handed out by casino members of management and Edgard Roos during an excellent lunch celebration at the Seaport Convention Center. The ceremony was organized by members of the department of Human Resources, Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino.

Visiting Aruba For 10 Consecutive Years

Mr. & Mrs. Fontaine Honored Distinguished Guests At Aruba Marriott



At the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, Dottie and Tom Fontaine were acknowledged with the "Distinguished Guests of Aruba" title by the Aruba Tourism Authority. As a loyal guest of the Stellaris Casino and Marriott, Mr. & Mrs. Fontaine have been visiting Aruba for ten consecutive years.

Their first visit to Aruba was in April/ May of 1999 and they have been repeat guests to Aruba ever since. Their enthusiasm to visit Aruba each year is based upon their positive experiences such as the warmth and friendliness of the people,

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Group picture from left to right: Marriott's Sales & Marketing Coordinator Keirsin Tjon Pian Gi, Mrs. & Mr. Fontaine, Marriott's Casino Marketing Manager Adolf Everon and ATA's PR representative Francis Jacobs.

Dottie & Tom Fontaine, ATA representative Francis Jacobs, Casino Marketing Manager Adolf Everon and Sales & Marketing

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A special dinner will be served prepared by Aruba's top chefs from the Westin Resort, Aruba, Papiamento Restaurant, Waterfront Crabhouse, The Flying Fishbone, Screaming Eagle, Le Dome and Aqua Grill. Each chef will prepare a signature course and pair it with a special wine selection. An award will be given at the end of the evening to

the chef presenting the "People's Choice" dish.

Tickets at \$85 per person are available at the concierge desk. The annual Art Exhibition in the resort gallery will feature local artists and is organized by artist Eefje van der Straten

On Friday, May 22nd, 2009, the much anticipated Wine & Food Pairing Exhibition will take place from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Wine & Food Pairing in the Grand Ballroom offers an opportunity for exquisite food & wine tastings with the Westin Culinary Team, Aruba Culinary School Students and invited wineries from around

the globe.

Music will be provided by Daniel Aguirre's Jazz band and the special art exhibit will feature the island's best artists with works available for viewing and sale. The Wine & Food Pairing is open to the public and the admission is US\$30 per person at the door. Pre-sale tickets are available at the concierge desk for \$25 per person.

As part of the festival activities that day, a Trade Fair will be organized by local and international Wine and Liquor Purveyors, in honor of their local clients, by-invitations only.

Sessions will take place from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., while the art exhibit will be available for viewing and sale, all day.

On Saturday, May 23rd, 2009, the highlight of the festival is the elegant and unique Capturing the Champagne Sparkle, from 7 p.m. to midnight, the Final Champagne event which will highlight dinner with South America's most famous celebrity chef, Colombian-born Harry Sasson Tchira.

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About Harry Sasson Tchira

Chef Harry Sasson Tchira is the graduate of Colegio Anglo Colombiano. He cooked for a while for the Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje SENA, and spent six years in Vancouver, Canada, working as sous chef at Joe Fortes and the Westin Bayshore Hotel. Going back to Colombia in the 90s he opened H. Sasson Wok & Satay Bar, which he has been operating successfully since in addition to other brands he developed, employing 400 people in six different restaurants, namely Balzac, Club Colombia, H&B Bakeries & Harry's Bar, boasting 1,000 seats, as well as a line of sauces and dressings sold in supermarkets, a book whose second edition was translated into English, a weekly newspaper column in El Espectador and a

Always a man with a social conscience he is an active benefactor for children's charities and support an adoption home, a university and a kid cardio clinic. His flag ship restaurant H. Sasson Wok & Satay Bar is recognized for excellence by the international Chaine des Rotisseurs.

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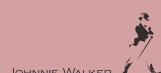
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A sign for a Bank of America branch is shown in downtown Philadelphia, Thursday, May 7, 2009. Some of the nation's largest banks will be scrambling to demonstrate that they can raise capital after results of government stress tests leaked out, showing many need more funds. The Treasury Department will officially release results later Thursday.

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Stress tests show some banks need more funds

DANIEL WAGNER
AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the largest U.S. banks will be scrambling to demonstrate that they can raise capital after results of government stress tests leaked out, showing many need more funds. The Treasury Department will officially release results later Thursday. The tests were designed to gauge whether any of America's 19 largest banks would need more capital to survive a deeper recession. It turns out many of the banks do: Wells Fargo & Co., Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp. all need billions more capital, regulators have told them.

The public nature of the assessments and Thursday's planned announcement raised questions among some critics about whether the findings will reflect the banks' actual conditions.

The tests put banks through two scenarios: one that reflected expectations about the current recession and another that envisioned a recession deeper than what analysts predict.

Citigroup will need to raise about \$5 billion, according to a government official briefed on the results who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter. Earlier news reports had put that dollar figure closer to \$10 billion. Regions Financial Corp. will also need to raise more money, according to people briefed on the results, as will Bank of America and Wells Fargo.

Bank of America stock rose Wednesday after reports that the Charlotte, North Carolina-based company would need to collect \$34 billion in additional capital. The New York Times and Wall Street Journal reported the figure. The Journal cited unidentified

people familiar with the situation, while the Times quoted a bank executive.

Wells Fargo needs between \$13 billion and \$15 billion, according to Times and Journal reports Thursday. GMAC, the lending arm of beleaguered automaker General Motors Corp., is said to need \$11.5 billion. Morgan Stanley is looking at between a \$1 billion and \$2 billion shortfall, according to the Times.

In all, the Journal said at least seven of the banks will need a combined \$65 billion. The entire group that is deemed to need more capital will require less than \$100 billion combined, according to the Times.

Despite being included in the Journal's tally, State Street is not being required to raise more capital after completing its stress test, a person familiar with the matter said Thursday.

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Thousands flee as fire burns Santa Barbara homes



A home burns in Santa Barbara, Calif. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Fierce winds blew a wildfire into Southern California homes Wednesday, forcing residents to flee as columns of smoke rose from a scenic coastal enclave.

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RAQUEL MARIADILLON

Associated Press Writer

SANTA BARBARA,

California (AP) — Dozens of homes have been destroyed by the wildfire raging in the hills above Santa Barbara, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Thursday as firefighters prepared for another round of howling winds and torrid

temperatures.

The 2-square-mile fire has forced the evacuation of more than 13,500 people from more than 5,400 homes. It remained out of control and the weather forecast for Thursday afternoon could again drive the flames into expensive homes in this scenic coastal enclave.

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Georgian protests persist after clash

MISHA DZHINDZIKHASHVILI

Associated Press Writer

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Georgia's monthlong opposition protests entered a new and dangerous phase Thursday after demonstrators clashed with police, raising the odds that Georgia's third post-Soviet leader would be forced from power like his predecessors.

President Mikhail Saakashvili faced down a mutiny by a tank battalion stationed near the capital Tuesday, only to see an angry crowd charge police headquarters in a bloody confrontation the following day.

Several thousand peaceful protesters gathered outside parliament Thursday demanding his ouster, and the battle of wills between the headstrong president and many of his former supporters seemed far from over. An opposition leader said the protests would get "tougher" and announced plans for a major rally Saturday.

Georgians rallied behind Saakashvili after Russian tanks pushed into their country last August, but his popularity has plummeted in the months since.

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Stress tests

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Financial stocks were mixed ahead of the government report cards. The tests are at the crux of the Obama administration's plan to fortify the financial system. The market rallied this week ahead of the results, despite some initial concerns that the tests would show more pain in the industry.

Shares of Citigroup Inc. dipped 7 cents to \$3.79 in Thursday afternoon trading, while Bank of America Corp. added 52 cents, or 4.1 percent, to \$13.21. Regions Financial fell 68 cents, or 11.7 percent, to \$5.15, while Wells Fargo dropped \$2.50, or 9.3 percent, to \$24.34.

Stress tests have long been a part of the bank regulation system. They help regulators decide how to supervise and aid banks in deciding how to limit their risk. But those conversations between banks and regulators normally take place behind closed doors.

In recent weeks, the

government's unprecedented decision to publicly release bank-test results has fanned speculation, with analysts predicting the findings and investors staking out trading positions.

Critics are concerned that all the attention could make the tests much less effective. They say regulators seem so intent on maintaining public confidence in the banks that the results will have to say the banks are basically healthy.

Officials have said they will not let any of the 19 institutions fold. That makes it almost impossible for them to say anything about a bank that would threaten its survival, since a flight by investors could force the government to step in with additional bailout money — something the Treasury Department hopes to avoid. "There is a real question as to the legitimacy of these results," said Jason O'Donnell, senior analyst at Boenning & Scattergood Inc. The stress tests are a key part of the Obama administration's plan to stabilize the financial

industry.

The tests estimated how much value the banks' loans would lose as consumers and businesses faced more trouble repaying loans.

The first test scenario envisioned unemployment reaching 8.8 percent in 2010 and housing prices dropping another 14 percent this year. The second imagined unemployment rising to 10.3 percent next year and homes losing another 22 percent of their value this year.

But economic assumptions have changed since the tests were designed in February. Unemployment already has surpassed the 8.4 percent the test's first scenario predicts for 2009, which leaves some analysts wondering whether the tests were harsh enough. "Everything's still up in the air," said independent banking consultant Bert Ely. "People think this is the be all, end all. But just because a bank looks good today doesn't mean it's going to look as strong six months from now."

The government is asking



Signs are seen during an anti-foreclosure rally in Oakland, Calif., Thursday, May 7, 2009. Some of the nation's largest banks will be scrambling to demonstrate that they can raise capital after results of government stress tests leaked out, showing many need more funds. The Treasury Department will officially release results later Thursday.

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banks to keep their capital reserve ratios above a certain level so they can continue lending even if the economic picture darkens.

The banks that need more capital will have until June 8 to come up with a plan to raise the additional resources and have the plan approved by their regulators, officials said Wednesday.

Banks will have several options for increasing their capital. Some will be able to close the gap by converting the government's debt into common stock. Others will have six months to attempt to raise money from private investors. If they cannot do it, the government will provide money from its \$700 billion financial system bailout.

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Supreme Court denies Demjanjuk's deportation plea

THOMAS J. SHEERAN
Associated Press Writer
CLEVELAND (AP) — Alleged Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk lost his bid Thursday to get the U.S. Supreme Court to stop his deportation to Germany, where an arrest warrant accuses him of 29,000 counts of accessory to murder during World War II.

Justice John Paul Stevens denied, without comment, Demjanjuk's plea to step into his case. The 89-year-old retired autoworker lives in suburban Cleveland, and he, his family and his lawyers say he's in poor health and too frail to be sent overseas. Demjanjuk maintains he was held by the Germans as a Soviet prisoner of war and was never a camp guard. With his U.S. options dwindling, Demjanjuk's attorney in Germany made a separate appeal Thursday to a German court to block the deportation.

There was no immediate indication from Immigration and Customs Enforcement whether the agency would move promptly to deport the Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk. Messages seeking comment were left with an agency spokesman.

John Demjanjuk Jr. gave no indication in an e-mail to The Associated Press of any further appeal planned on his father's behalf.

"After nearly killing him in combat as a Soviet soldier and Ukrainian POW (prisoner of war), it appears Germany will now be responsible to care for him in a nursing home for the remainder of his life — if he survives the transportation," he wrote.

There was no immediate comment on Stevens' decision from Demjanjuk's attorney, John Broadley. A message was left for him. The Department of Justice said it was working on the

case but would not specify any deportation schedule.

"The U.S. government will continue to work in cooperation with the Government of Germany to affect the removal of Mr. Demjanjuk to Germany," spokeswoman Laura Sweeney said in an e-mail.

Demjanjuk was carried from his house in a wheelchair by immigration officers on April 14, and within hours his attorney won a reprieve from an appeals court. The three-judge panel in Cincinnati cleared the way for his deportation last week, and Demjanjuk's attorney appealed to the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

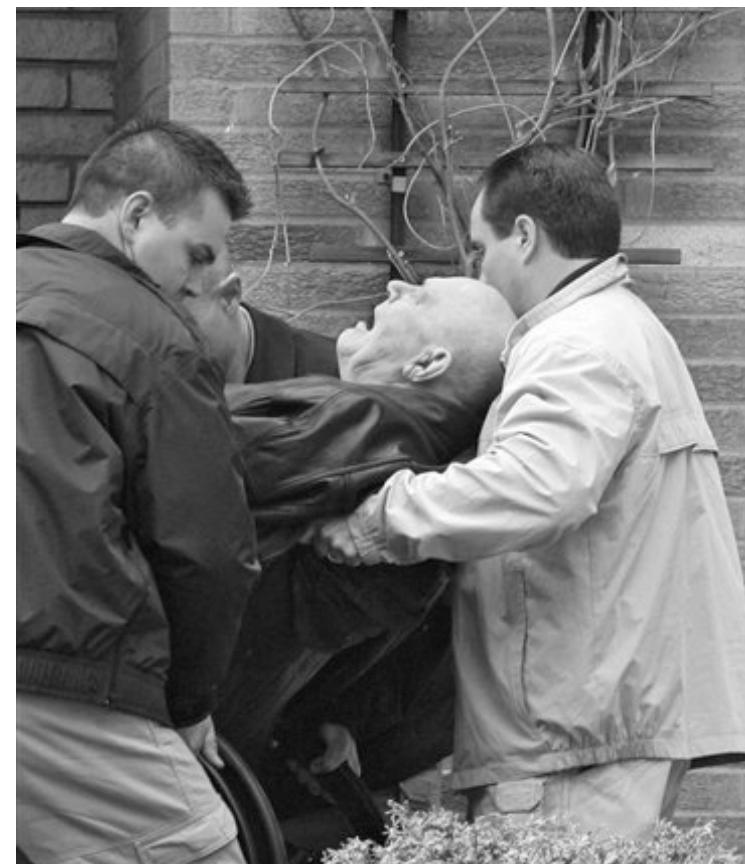
The two sides offered dueling videos — the family's showing Demjanjuk moaning in apparent pain as an immigration doctor examined him before the deportation attempt. The government responded with a surveillance video showing Demjanjuk walking

slowly but unassisted.

A Berlin administrative court on Wednesday rejected an emergency lawsuit filed by Demjanjuk last week arguing that the German government should rescind its agreement to accept him from the U.S.

Demjanjuk is wanted on a Munich arrest warrant that accuses him of being an accessory to murders at the Sobibor death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland as a guard. Demjanjuk attorney Ulrich Busch told the AP in a telephone interview from his office in Ratingen, near Duesseldorf, that Germany should say it will not take Demjanjuk for humanitarian reasons.

"If the Germans accept him for deportation, he loses his family, he loses his house, he loses his rights in the States; he loses everything," Busch said. "And he will never be allowed to come back."



In this file photo taken April 14, 2009 shows John Demjanjuk, second from right, taken from his home in Seven Hills, Ohio by immigration agents. A lawyer for Demjanjuk said Tuesday, May 5, 2009, that he is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to halt the deportation of the 89-year-old suburban Cleveland resident to Germany, where he faces 29,000 counts of accessory to murder. John Broadley said he sent the motion from Florida and expects it to be filed with the court Wednesday morning. Demjanjuk's family argues he is too sick and frail to be deported. Associated Press

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Democrats give Specter Judiciary subcommittee chair

By LAURIE KELLMAN and KIMBERLY HEFLING
Associated Press Writers
WASHINGTON—Republican-turned-Democratic Sen. Arlen Specter gained a Judiciary subcommittee chairmanship but also a potential primary challenger Thursday, the latest twists in a turbulent episode of party switching.

The good news-bad news day for Specter didn't stop there. Former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge announced he would not challenge Specter next year. Ridge, a moderate Republican and the first

homeland security chief, had been running about even against Specter in a hypothetical general election race, according to a recent poll.

"My desire and intention is to help my party craft solutions that both sides of the aisle can embrace," said Ridge, whose decision eliminates one major challenge to Specter.

In the primary, however, Specter may face Democratic Rep. Joe Sestak, a former Navy vice admiral from the Philadelphia suburbs. In an interview with The Associated

Press, Sestak said he's seriously considering taking on the 79-year-old Specter, who will be seeking a sixth term. "The Democratic political establishment reached into the GOP establishment to give us the Democratic candidate for the future," said Sestak, 57. "It's not theirs to make, it's ours to make," Sestak added of the choice for who serves in that seat. "It's not what we came to Washington to do is tell Pennsylvanians what they are to do in their Democratic choices."

Specter has \$6.7 million cash



In this May 5, 2009 file photo, Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pa., speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington. Senate Democrats gave party switcher Specter a plum Judiciary subcommittee chairmanship on Thursday, May 7, 2009, as a potential primary challenger to the veteran Pennsylvania lawmaker stepped forward.

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on hand; Sestak has more than \$3 million.

Faced with a looming political threat, Specter picked up some Senate clout.

Majority Whip Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said he would give up his chairmanship of the Judiciary Crime and Drugs subcommittee in exchange for becoming chairman of a panel on human rights. The move, he said, would "best utilize Senator Specter's talents and experience in our caucus."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., indicated later that the deal was not final because the details on the human rights panel had to be worked out. But Durbin said the Specter chairmanship was not in doubt.

Specter said he appreciated the gesture and offered a telling observation about the never-dull Senate. "This is a territorial place," he told reporters. He would not commit to voting with Democrats.

The musical chairs of subcommittee chairmanships were designed to stem the fallout in the days since Specter switched to the Democratic Party last week. Democrats on Tuesday failed to honor Specter's 28 years of Senate seniority he accumulated as a Republican before switching. Since becoming a Democrat, Specter has been at odds with his new party, voting against the Democratic-backed budget, expressing opposition to a government option on health care overhaul and maintaining his opposition to a bill that would make it easier for unions to organize.

Democrats also questioned his support for Republican Norm Coleman over Al Franken in the unresolved Minnesota Senate race.

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Santa Barbara

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More fire crews were called in from around California to battle the blaze.

Ten firefighters were injured, at least three seriously, and the number of evacuees could double later in the day.

"We really can't do any containment lines. It's too dangerous," Santa Barbara County fire Capt. David Sadecki said. "We're doing some structure protection, but firefighters can be in a safe location one minute and in a dangerous situation the next." While the morning was cool and breezy, temperatures were expected to top 100 degrees and winds picking up through the day could gust up to 50 mph. Those were the same conditions that drove the tame blaze into ferocious activity Wednesday afternoon.

"Today is a concern to us," Sadecki said. "It could be a mirror of yesterday."

Schwarzenegger, who



Firefighters from a Santa Monica, Calif., engine company assigned to structure protection, stand their ground as they watch advancing flames from a home in Santa Barbara, Calif., Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Dozens of homes have been destroyed by the wildfire raging in the hills above Santa Barbara, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Thursday as firefighters prepared for another round of howling winds and torrid temperatures.

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declared a state of emergency, said dozens of homes were destroyed but authorities had no precise figure. The flames hopscotched across the mansions and other canyon homes, burning some while sparing others.

A seaside city of 90,000 about

100 miles northwest of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara rises rapidly from the coastline on the south to the foothills of the Santa Ynez Mountains in the north. It dates to the Spanish colonial era, features numerous multimillion-dollar homes and is a major tourist

destination.

The city's location gives it some of the best weather in the world. However, the hills that offer panoramic views to homeowners also make the area subject to "sundowners" — strong winds that in the afternoon and evening blow

downslope through passes and canyons of the mountain range and offshore.

Less than six months ago a fire destroyed more than 200 homes in Santa Barbara and neighboring Montecito.

About 1,400 firefighters were on the lines, along with state prison inmates. Water- and fire retardant-dropping aircraft attacked the flames.

"They are trying to hit as many hot spots as they can creeping around homes," city fire Capt. Mike De Ponce said.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department spokesman Drew Sugars said 5,430 homes were under mandatory evacuation. The estimated population of those homes was 13,575 people, he said. Another 13,000 were warned they may need to evacuate.

Some of the initial evacuees were allowed to return to their homes early Thursday, the county said in a news release, but officials had no estimate of how many people were affected.

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Colombia expels Kosovo liberation leader



The former prime minister of Kosovo Agim Ceku, left, attends a conference on demobilizing guerrilla movements in Cartagena, northern Colombia, Tuesday, May 5, 2009. The office of the Colombian Peace Commissioner Ceku, a leader of Kosovo's independence war, for a conference on demobilizing guerrilla movements and expelled him on Wednesday, May 6, based on an Interpol warrant issued at a request by Serbia, that does not recognize the breakaway province of Kosovo as independent.

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Associated Press Writer
BOGOTA (AP) — Colombia invited a leader of Kosovo's independence war for a conference on demobilizing

guerrilla movements then expelled him based on an Interpol warrant issued at Serbia's request, the government said Thursday.

"It's just another attempt from Serbia to undermine Kosovo as a state and portray me as a war criminal," former Kosovo Prime Minister Agim Ceku told The Associated Press by phone from Paris before flying on to Croatia.

"I was the hero of the conference," Ceku said. "People were lining up to take photos with me and that's what annoyed Serbia."

Serbia does not recognize the breakaway province of Kosovo as independent though at least 58 countries have, including the United States and major European Union nations.

Ceku said organizers of the conference, held in Cartagena on the Caribbean coast, had

asked him to stay for longer than planned. Instead, he was detained on Wednesday, flown to Bogota and deported.

The director of Colombia's DAS security agency, Felipe Munoz, told the AP that Serbia sought the expulsion after Ceku's arrival for the conference, which was organized by President Alvaro Uribe's peace commissioner and attended by Uribe himself as well as by Guatemala's president, Alvaro Colom.

The peace commissioner, Frank Pearl, was asked in a radio interview if the incident wasn't a diplomatic faux pas. "We didn't invite anyone to expel them," he said. "He didn't have a 'red notice' when he was invited and didn't have a 'red notice' when he arrived in Colombia."

The Interpol-issued notices alert member nations that a

person is wanted for possible extradition but does not force them to arrest or expel the individual. Munoz said Colombian law compelled the Ceku expulsion.

During the 1998-99 Kosovo war Ceku was the military head of the ethnic Albanian guerrilla Kosovo Liberation Army. He led the KLA's transformation into a "civil emergency force." Part of that organization later became the Kosovo Security Force, a NATO-trained, lightly armed force tasked with defending Kosovo.

Ceku said the warrant on which he was expelled was old but reissued by Serbia this year.

It was not the first time the apparently old warrant has haunted Ceku. In the past, he has been briefly detained by Slovenia and Hungary.



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Thousands of civilians flee Pakistani war zone

RIAZ KHAN

Associated Press Writer

MARDAN, Pakistan (AP)

— Thousands of Pakistanis skirted burning military trucks Thursday as they fled clashes between Taliban militants and the army in the northwest, adding a humanitarian emergency to the nation's daunting challenges.

Refugees overwhelmed camps and hospitals to the south of the fighting, leading Pakistan's prime minister to make a late-night appeal Thursday for international assistance. The International Committee of the Red Cross said fighting had cut access to places where civilians were most in need.

The U.S. has praised the gathering military operation in the Swat Valley and neighboring districts where Taliban guerrillas had extended their reach to within 60 miles (100 kilometers) of the Pakistani capital, Islamabad. Pakistan's president, in Washington for meetings with the Obama administration, insists they can turn back a tide of rising militancy also threatening neighboring Afghanistan.

But with some 45,000 people fleeing, the pro-Western government faces a stiff task to keep an already skeptical nation behind its security forces as they respond to U.S. pressure to uproot radicals. The exodus adds to the more than 500,000 already displaced by fighting in Pakistan's volatile border region with Afghanistan.

On Thursday, several thousand men, women and children — some on foot — took advantage of an easing in the army curfew to pour through Swat's main town, Mingora, in search of safety.

Convoys of colorful trucks, cars and buses, most overflowing with people and their belongings, traveled hours over mountainous terrain to reach camps in and around the city of Mardan some 40 miles away.

At the Tuberculosis Hospital in Mardan, hundreds jostled before overwhelmed volunteers to register for a tent and a handout of emergency supplies.

Yar Mohammad, a 50-year-



Residents of Mingora capital of Pakistani troubled Swat valley flee Thursday, May 7, 2009. Thousands of terrified Pakistanis dodged Taliban roadblocks to flee a northwestern valley on Thursday as the army stepped up ground and air assaults on the guerrillas applauded by the U.S., witnesses said.

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old stone mason, said he had "poured his blood" and his best years into the development of Swat. "And now I am seeing the buildings that I have helped to construct being blown up and destroyed," he said, blaming both the Taliban and the authorities.

Some residents complained that the Taliban had blocked their escape.

Ayaz Khan said he loaded his family into his car Thursday in the Kanju area of Swat only to find rocks, boulders and tree trunks laid across the roads, forcing him to turn back.

"I am helpless, frustrated and worried for my family," he said.

Military operations are taking place in three districts that stretch over some 400 square miles, but most of the fighting has been in the main town of Mingora, which before the insurgency three years ago was home to around 360,000 people.

The military claimed to have killed more than 80 militants in Swat and the neighboring Buner region on Wednesday. Officials have said nothing about civilian casualties. But those fleeing the region bore tales of families wiped out by stray shells.

Fazl Hadi, a doctor at another hospital in Mardan, said 45 civilians had been admitted with serious gunshot or shrapnel wounds in recent days and was bracing for many more.

Among the youngest patients

was Chaman Ara, a 12-year-old girl with shrapnel wedged in her left leg. She said she was wounded last week when a mortar shell hit the truck taking her family and others out of Buner.

She said seven people died, including one of her cousins, and pointed to a nearby bed where the boy's wounded mother lay prone. "We mustn't tell her yet. Please don't tell her," she whispered.

A spokeswoman for the U.N. refugee agency, said the world body has registered more than 45,000 refugees in recent days. They join more than 500,000 already driven out by fighting in other regions of the northwest over the past year who are already living with relatives or in camps.

"We are in an emergency phase," U.N. spokeswoman Ariane Rummery said. The refugee problem is "becoming much larger, and much more serious."

In Mingora, witnesses said armed militants were again roaming the streets Thursday, and that troops were launching artillery and airstrikes on Taliban targets in the area.

An AP Television News cameraman saw four burnt out and abandoned army trucks, two of them still smoldering, on the road leading out of Mingora.

Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, the chief of Pakistan's army, said it would commit enough of its resources to "ensure a decisive ascendancy over the

the media.

Washington has said it wants to see a sustained operation in Swat and surrounding districts, mindful of earlier, inconclusive offensives elsewhere in the Afghan border region. Eight years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the area remains a haven for al-Qaida and Taliban fighters blamed for spiraling violence in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Swat peace accord that provided for Islamic law in the region began unraveling last month when Taliban fighters moved into Buner.

Troops were also assaulting militants in the nearby Dir region. A spokesman for Sufi Muhammad, the hardline cleric who helped put together the peace deal, said Muhammad's son died in army shelling in Dir late Wednesday.

Khan accused the government of unleashing the army "to appease America and get dollars" — a common view among Pakistanis, strengthened by the coincidence of the latest fighting with Zardari's high-profile visit to Washington.



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Georgia protests

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Saakashvili has become the focus of anger over the aftermath of the conflict, which killed hundreds, drove tens of thousands from their homes and left two provinces under Russian control.

Saakashvili, accused of using the power of the state to silence critics, has rejected the opposition demand to step down. He vows to remain in office through the end of his term in 2013.

Wednesday night's melee revived the sagging interest in the daily street protests, which began April 9. Television pictures of bloodied protesters seemed likely to raise the prospect of a violent showdown between

Saakashvili and his political foes.

"It's the absolutely logical beginning of the final stage of Mr. Saakashvili's regime," said Fyodor Lukyanov, editor of Russia in Global Affairs magazine.

He said the current protests were following the same pattern as the 2003 Rose Revolution that catapulted Saakashvili to power. He said that the fiery politician might cling to power because no strong leader has emerged among the opposition forces. Saakashvili was in Prague Thursday for a summit of the EU and some former Soviet states.

Post-Soviet Georgia has been in the center of rivalry for regional influence between Russia and the United States,

and Saakashvili's bid to join NATO outraged Moscow and set the stage for the August war.

Even if Saakashvili resigns, Georgia is still expected to seek closer integration with Europe and the West rather than align itself with Moscow.

Ramaz Sakvarelidze, a Tbilisi-based independent political analyst, said most Georgians share Saakashvili's pro-Western course and feel angry about Russian pressure.

But Sakvarelidze said many Georgians have been annoyed that the U.S. has continued to support a man they say is a flawed president.

"That may result in the U.S. policy becoming just as unacceptable as Russia's course in the eyes of Georgians," he said in a telephone interview.



Riot police wearing heavy gear stand behind bars as they surround the Interior Ministry in Tbilisi, Georgia late Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Police armed with truncheons clashed with protesters Wednesday in the first major outbreak of violence in a month of demonstrations against President Mikhail Saakashvili. Dozens were injured.

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Wednesday's clashes erupted over the detention by police of three opposition activists accused of hooliganism and beating a state television reporter.

After one detainee handed over a note to other demonstrators saying he and the others were beaten by police, scores of protesters rushed to Tbilisi's police headquarters, where the three were held.

Opposition supporters said dozens were injured and hospitalized. Deputy Interior Minister Eka Zguladze said

22 protesters, six police officers and a journalist were injured, and that none of the injuries was life-threatening. The clash at the police station electrified protesters, and thousands flocked to the parliament building late at night to demand release of the detainees. Authorities freed them early Thursday, saying that the action was partly in response to an appeal by the patriarch of the Georgian Orthodox Church.

At the protest outside parliament hours later, the freed young activists appeared before the crowd, one with a black eye. "They threw me to the floor and beat me," said Revaz Revazishvili, who opposition leaders said is 15. Another said he was hit twice in the face. Police say they had already been injured when they detained.

Tensions mounted this

week after a mutiny by a tank battalion stationed near the capital, which authorities said was aimed to disrupt a monthlong NATO military exercise that began Wednesday. At first, Georgian authorities alleged that they faced a Russian-backed coup attempt but later retreated from those charges.

Authorities vowed not to interfere with peaceful protests, and until Wednesday the daily demonstrations mostly occurred without incident.

Since the clash, opposition leaders have urged supporters to avoid violence. At the rally outside parliament late Thursday, a leader urged Saakashvili to hold talks about new elections and warned protests would go on.

"These actions will get tougher," Gubaz Sanikidze said. "We are not giving up our plan, which can have but one result — Saakashvili's exit."

Czech Ambassador Ivan Jestrab, whose country holds the rotating European Union presidency, criticized the opposition, saying that the "attack on the police station was a criminal act."

A violent police crackdown on similar protests in 2007 damaged Saakashvili's image as a champion of democratic reform and prompted some former allies to join the opposition.

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UN chief alarmed at Hezbollah actions in Egypt

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is alarmed at the public admission by Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group that it provided support to Gaza-based fighters from Egypt and condemns the "unwarranted interference" in Egypt's domestic affairs, a U.N. envoy said Thursday. Terje Roed-Larsen said the secretary-general urges Hezbollah to "cease any militant activities outside of Lebanon and complete its transformation into a solely Lebanese political party." The U.N. chief also reiterates his call for Hezbollah and all other militias operating in Lebanon to be disarmed and demobilized as demanded by a U.N. Security Council resolution adopted in 2004, he said.

Roed-Larsen is Ban's envoy dealing with implementation of the 2004 resolution, and he discussed Hezbollah's alleged interference in Egypt as he presented Ban's latest report on compliance with the resolution to the Security Council.

Roed-Larsen said that in recent weeks, "there has been a growing concern that Hezbollah has engaged in clandestine and illegal militant activities beyond Lebanese territory."

He cited Egypt's announcement on April 8 that it had uncovered a plot by 49 men linked to Hezbollah to destabilize the country by carrying out "hostile operations" on Egyptian institutions and Israeli tourists.

Two days later, Hezbollah's

leader, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, rejected the accusations but admitted a Hezbollah member was in Egypt supervising weapons shipments to the militia's ally, the militant Palestinian group Hamas that controls the Gaza Strip.

Nasrallah said in a televised speech on April 29 that Hezbollah has no intention of setting up a cell in Egypt to destabilize that predominantly Sunni Muslim country.

Roed-Larsen said Egypt's president and foreign minister shared preliminary elements of the investigation into the Hezbollah cell with him during a visit to Cairo on April 26.

In recent correspondence, Roed-Larsen said, Egypt informed the secretary-general that a cell led by a Lebanese member of Hezbollah was uncovered during 2008, and that the Hezbollah operative "had visited Egypt over several years using a real passport with a false identity, where he recruited members for the network."

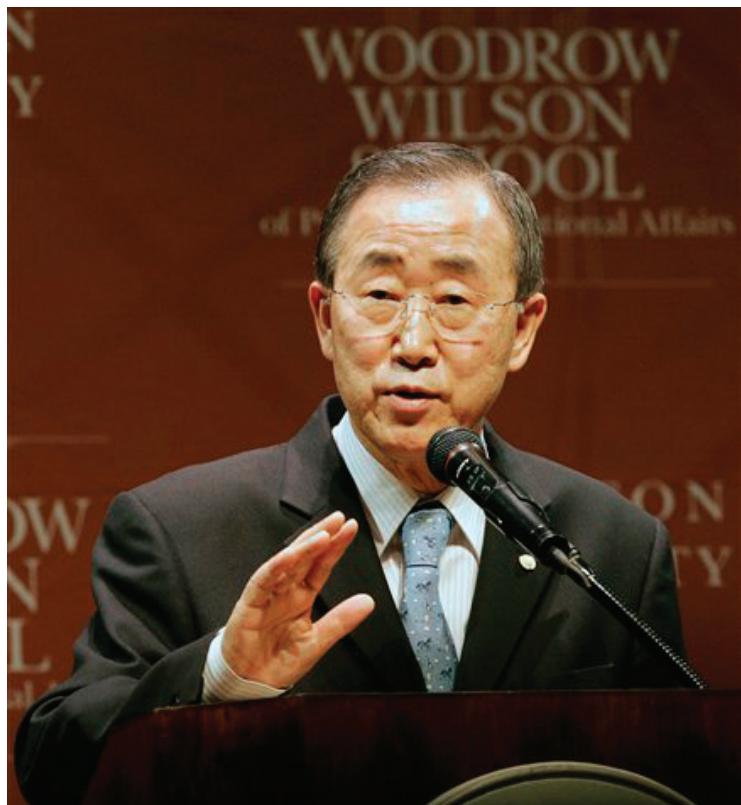
The secretary-general "has expressed concern at the statements made by Hezbollah leaders and condemned such unwarranted interference in the domestic affairs of a member state," he said.

"Equally alarming was the fact that Hezbollah has publicly admitted to providing support to Gaza-based militants from Egyptian territory," Roed-Larsen said. "These activities exceed Hezbollah's stated national agenda."

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice echoed Ban's condemnation

of Hezbollah for its "unwarranted interference" in Egypt's affairs and his call for Hezbollah to transform itself into a purely political party. "Let me be clear: we see no distinction between these groups' so-called political and military wings. Nor will we engage with them until they completely disarm," Rice told the council in closed consultations after Roed-Larsen's public statement, according to a transcript of her remarks released by the U.S. Mission to the U.N.

Rice said the United States will continue to support "voices of peace and moderation" and she called for open and fair parliament elections in Lebanon on June 7 "without the specter of violence, the intimidation of militias and the pressure of outside influence."



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon speaks at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs Friday, April 17, 2009, in Princeton, N.J. In his speech, Ban called 2009 a "make-or-break year" for the world. With growing poverty, financial risks and complex national security problems across the world, it's more important than ever for nations to work together, he said.

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Ramirez suspended 50 games for drug violation



RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — All-Star outfielder Manny Ramirez was suspended for 50 games by Major League Baseball on Thursday, becoming the latest high-profile player ensnared in a drug scandal.

The Los Angeles Dodgers star said he did not take steroids and was given medication by a doctor that contained a banned substance.

A person familiar with the details of the suspension said Ramirez used HCG, human chorionic gonadotropin, which is prescribed to stimulate female fertility and testosterone production in men and to treat delayed puberty in boys. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the banned substance wasn't announced.

"It's a shame. My sense is, it's a great embarrassment on Major League Baseball," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said.

The 36-year-old Dominican Republic player apologized to the Dodgers and fans for "this whole situation."

"Recently, I saw a physician for a personal health issue. He gave me a medication, not a steroid, which he thought was OK to give me," Ramirez said in a statement issued by the players' union. Unfortunately, the medication was banned under our drug policy. Under the policy that mistake is now my responsibility. I have been advised not to say anything more for now. I do want to say one other thing; I've taken and passed about 15 drug tests over the past five seasons."

MLB added HCG to its list of banned substances last year.

"It's not infrequently part of the mix of the poly-drug approach to doping," said Dr. Gary Wadler, chairman of the committee that determines the banned-substances list for the World Anti-Doping Agency. "It typically is used most when people are coming off a cycle to restore to normal biophysiological feedback mechanisms."

Ramirez's suspension began on Thursday and barring any postponements he will be able to return to the Dodgers — who have the best record in MLB — on July 3. Ramirez

will lose about \$7.65 million of his \$25 million salary.

MLB commissioner Bud Selig couldn't comment on the suspension because of provisions of the management-union drug agreement, spokesman Rich Levin said. While Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Alex Rodriguez, Jose Canseco and a long list of stars have been implicated in the use of performance-enhancing drugs, Ramirez is the most prominent to be suspended under the drug policy players and owners put in place seven years ago.

Ramirez is batting .348 with six home runs and 20 RBIs through the first 27 games of the season.

His suspension comes a day after the Dodgers broke the modern MLB record for a home winning streak to open a season with their 13th consecutive victory.

Losing Ramirez to suspension could be a huge blow financially for the Dodgers. The slugger has been single-handedly responsible for increasing attendance, merchandise sales and interest in the team, in addition to helping them win the National League West division after his late season arrival in 2008.

Los Angeles even renamed a section of seats in left field at Dodger Stadium "Mannywood" in his honor.

Ramirez's suspension came a day before Rodriguez was likely to rejoin the New York Yankees. Rodriguez has been on the disabled list since having hip surgery.

In February, Rodriguez admitted taking steroids while playing for Texas from 2001-03 and acknowledged testing positive under a 2003 survey. But testing with penalties didn't begin until 2004, and the New York Yankees third baseman doesn't appear likely to be suspended.

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Crane shoots 65 for a 1-shot lead at Players

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Ben Crane should have known what was coming when he rolled in a 30-foot birdie putt on the first hole of the day. He kept right on pouring them in until he had a 7-under 65 and a one-shot lead in The Players Championship.

Crane made four birdie putts longer than 20 feet, kept his ball on land throughout another wild opening round Thursday on the TPC Sawgrass and wound up atop a leaderboard devoid of the biggest stars.

Tiger Woods couldn't make a putt outside 4 feet.

Phil Mickelson ran off three straight birdies early in his round, then couldn't keep the ball in play.

Defending champion Sergio Garcia opened with a 71 and already was looking forward to going home to Spain.

Crane couldn't relate.

"It's one of those rounds that you just live for when you're a golfer," he said. "And I had one today at one of my favorite courses and tournaments of all time."

He had a one-shot lead over John Mallinger, Alex Cejka and Richard S. Johnson of Sweden, with a large group at 67 that included Retief Goosen, David Toms, Camilo Villegas and Scott Verplank, who had two eagles — one of them from 150 yards out on the 15th fairway, another with a putt that seemed about that long on the par-5 second.

Woods opened his round with four straight birdie chances inside 12 feet and missed them all. He wound up with a 71, keeping alive his streak of never breaking 70 in the opening round at this elite event.

Mickelson hit iron off the 18th tee but it worked out beautifully with an approach to 5 feet for birdie to salvage a 73.

"Looked like it was going to be a great round," Mickelson said. "And then it just kind of

went away."

That can happen on one of the most exciting courses in golf, where small mistakes can turn into big numbers.

Brian Gay made a small error by trying to reach the fourth green from the left rough, coming up short and into the water. He took a drop, dumped it in the water again, finally got on land and three-putted for a quintuple-bogey 9 on his way to an 80, one of five players who failed to break 80.

Or take the group of Steve Lowery, Daniel Chopra and Paul Goydos. They played the par-3 17th in a combined 18 shots, with four balls in the water — and Goydos made a par. Lowery put two in the drink and three-putted for an 8, while Chopra rinsed two and made 7.

But there were times that Sawgrass was forgiving.

Villegas was cruising along at 3 under early in his round when he punched a 6-iron from under the trees to just short of the green, then chipped too hard and watched it roll off the green and into the water. He dropped on the edge of the putting surface and holed a 35-foot putt to walk off with a par.

"It's funny how people talk, 'Oh, this golf course is perfect for this guy or for that guy,'

and trust me," Villegas said, "players don't think that way. We just get a target and swing at it. I'll be out there focusing on every target, every swing, every shot, and hopefully, keep it going."

Crane got his day off to a slow start. His wife had the car, so he rode to the Stadium Course on the back of his caddie's moped. Then, he was off to the races. He opened with consecutive birdies starting at No. 10, made the turn in 33, then ran off five birdies in a six-hole stretch along his back nine. The hole looked the same size, but it seemed like a magnet for his ball.

"How often ... from 30 feet do you actually start it there and then the read is correct? And that happened a number of times today," he said. "You just smile. You're like, 'Yeah, this is why I play golf right here.'"

Johnson, who won in Milwaukee last year, had to battle to be low man in his group. He played with Verplank and Johnson Wagner, and they combined for 17 birdies, two eagles and were a collective 14 under.

Woods only felt as if he should be there on his own, especially after missing seven birdie putts inside 12 feet.

"This is probably the highest



Ben Crane crouches down to read a putt on the ninth green during the first round of The Players Championship golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Thursday, May 7, 2009. Crane finished the round at 7-under-par.

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score I could have shot today," he said. "That's the way it goes."

Toms, who qualified for the tournament two weeks ago with a strong finish in New Orleans, was headed for the first-round lead until he made a few bad choices, hit a

few bad shots and took three bogeys on his final four holes for a 67.

"I'm not sure exactly what I feel right now," he said. "I'm just glad to get off the golf course."

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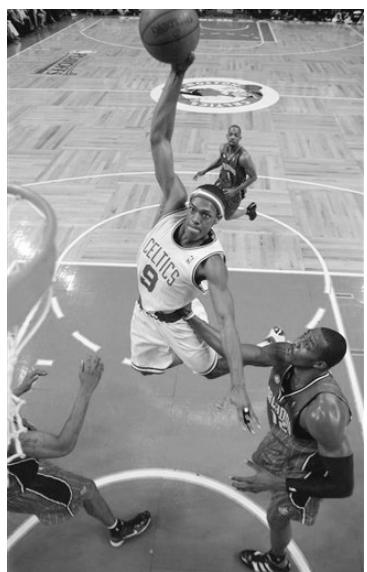
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NBA Playoffs

Rondo, House come up big in 112-94 win for Celtics



Boston Celtics' Rajon Rondo leaps over Orlando Magic's Dwight Howard for a dunk during the second half of Boston's 112-94 win in Game 2 of an NBA basketball Eastern Conference semifinal series in Boston on Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

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BOSTON (AP) — Rajon Rondo had 15 points, 18 assists and 11 rebounds for his third triple-double of the playoffs, and Eddie House scored a career-high 31 points on Wednesday to lead the Boston Celtics to a 112-94 victory over the Orlando Magic and level the NBA Eastern

Conference semifinals. Dwight Howard had 12 points and 12 rebounds and Rashard Lewis had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Magic, who stole Game 1 and home-court advantage on Monday night despite blowing almost all of a 28-point lead.

Game 3 is Friday night in Orlando.

Rondo had 12 assists without a turnover at the half and finished one assist short of

his career high. The only time the 6-1 point guard has had more than 18 assists was the triple-overtime Game 6 of the first-round series against Chicago in which he played 57½ minutes.

Ray Allen scored 22 points and Kendrick Perkins had 16 points and nine rebounds for the defending NBA champions.

Lakers 111, Rockets 98
At Los Angeles, Kobe

Bryant scored 40 points, and Pau Gasol added 22 points and 14 rebounds as Los Angeles leveled the Western Conference semifinal series with Colorado at a game each.

Ron Artest, one of two players ejected in the game, scored 25 points and Carl Landry added a career playoff-high 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Rockets, who overcame a 14-point deficit in the first

half only to trail most of the second half.

Game 3 is Friday night in Houston.

Houston's Yao Ming finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds after picking up three fouls in the first half.

Emotions boiled over in the second half, with Derek Fisher and Artest getting ejected and five technical fouls assessed, including one to Bryant.

NHL Playoffs

Penguins get must-win OT victory over Capitals

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Kris Letang scored his first career playoff goal on a shot from the point at 11:23 of overtime as the Pittsburgh Penguins avoided going down three games to the Washington Capitals by winning 3-2 in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Wednesday.

Letang's shot, after Sidney Crosby's faceoff win, deflected off a Capitals player and ricocheted past Simeon Varlamov, who had stopped

nearly everything the Penguins threw at him. Washington scored first — on a goal by Alex Ovechkin — then let Pittsburgh control most of the way. The Penguins outshot the Capitals 42-23 and had a 7-2 edge in power plays.

Pittsburgh also got Evgeni Malkin's pivotal first goal in six games and shook off Nicklas Backstrom's late power-play goal to win their sixth consecutive overtime playoff game, five by 3-2 scores.



Carolina Hurricanes' Jussi Jokinen (36), of Finland, shoots the puck past Boston Bruins goalie Tim Thomas (30) to win the game with Bruins' Shawn Thornton (22) and Hurricanes' Joni Pitkanen (25), also of Finland, looking on during overtime of Game 3 of an NHL hockey Eastern Conference semifinal series in Raleigh, N.C., Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Carolina won 3-2.

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Game 4 is Friday night in Pittsburgh.

Hurricanes 3, Bruins 2, OT
At Raleigh, North Carolina, Jussi Jokinen scored at 2:48 of overtime to lift Carolina past Boston and into a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Sergei Samsonov scored once and assisted on Jokinen's winner for the Hurricanes, who also got a goal from Eric Staal. Carolina, which outshot the Bruins 41-23, will host

Game 4 on Friday night with a chance to take a commanding advantage in the series.

Mark Recchi and Milan Lucic both scored their first goals of the playoffs for Boston. The top-seeded team in the East has lost two straight and finds itself trailing a playoff series for the first time this year. The Bruins swept Montreal 4-0 in the first round.

Tim Thomas made 38 saves for the Bruins. Carolina's Cam Ward stopped 21 shots.





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Colombia: Expulsan a ex primer ministro de Kosovo

BOGOTÁ (AP) - La policía secreta de Colombia informó el jueves la expulsión del ex primer ministro de Kosovo, Agim Ceku, sobre quien pesa una orden de búsqueda de la Interpol por presuntos crímenes de guerra.

Felipe Muñoz, director del Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad (DAS), la policía secreta, informó telefónicamente a la AP que Ceku fue expulsado a París, en la noche del miércoles, en un avión de Air France y con destino Zagreb, capital croata. Agregó que la expulsión "no tuvo ninguna espectacularidad... Se le informó que debía ser expulsado, se trajo a Bogotá y se montó en un avión... El se pensaba quedar en Colombia hasta el fin de semana".

"Esto es nada más que otro atentado de desbaratar a Kosovo como estado y pintarme como un criminal de guerra", dijo Ceku a la AP por teléfono desde París.

"Fui héroe en la conferencia", aseguró. "La gente hizo fila para tomarse fotos conmigo y eso fue lo que molestó a Serbia". Ceku vino a Colombia para participar en el primer Congreso Internacional de Desarme, Desmovilización y Reintegración, realizado entre el 4 y 6 de mayo en el puerto de Cartagena, a unos



Imagen de archivo del primer ministro de Kosovo, Agim Ceku, mientras participaba en la conferencia 'Friends of Europe' en Bruselas, 4 dic 2007. Colombia expulsó al ex primer ministro de Kosovo Agim Ceku, acusado de crímenes de guerra por Serbia y quien participaba en un congreso internacional sobre desarme, informó el jueves la Central de Inteligencia. REUTERS/Sebastien Pirlet/Archivo

650 kilómetros al norte de Bogotá.

Muñoz precisó que Ceku llegó el 3 de mayo y que en ese momento tenía "una petición de información" por parte de la Interpol, es decir, que si ingresaba a Colombia se le avisara de ese evento. "Así lo hicimos", aclaró.

Agregó que sólo hasta el 6 de

mayo fue expedida la orden de expulsión, luego de que las autoridades serbias se lo solicitaran a la Interpol. El ex primer ministro de Kosovo es por los presuntos crímenes de guerra que habría cometido, en 1999, durante su ejercicio como ex comandante del rebelde Ejército de Liberación de Kosovo.

En tanto, el Alto Comisionado de Paz de Colombia, Frank Pearl, explicó que "el aporte que hizo esta persona (Ceku) fue muy importante" en el evento de Cartagena. En entrevista con la emisora local La W, agregó que a Colombia "no le compete (decir) si (Ceku) es un criminal de guerra o no".

Según Pearl, "el gobierno (colombiano) cumple con las autoridades internacionales

y con los procedimientos que hay, y por eso la persona fue expulsada del país para facilitar que las autoridades competentes en el extranjero tomen las medidas que tengan que tomar".

El Comisionado de Paz precisó que "nosotros no invitamos a nadie para expulsarlo" porque, según dijo, "la información que teníamos cuando él fue invitado... a Colombia... es diferente".

Control antidroga es clave en negociación Bolivia-EEUU

LA PAZ (AP) - El control en la lucha antidroga será un tema central que Bolivia y Estados Unidos buscarán resolver para el restablecimiento pleno de sus relaciones diplomáticas tras la crisis derivada de la expulsión del embajador estadounidense en La Paz hace ocho meses, informó una autoridad.

"Queremos que la lucha antidroga esté bajo el mando de los bolivianos", dijo el canciller David Choquehuanca a periodistas tras un informe ante comisiones legislativas sobre la política exterior boliviana.

Choquehuanca mencionó además otros asuntos a resolver con Washington: "Relaciones de respeto mutuo, no de intromisión", que la cooperación de ese país vaya a fortalecer el Plan Nacional de Desarrollo del presidente Evo Morales

y que la agencia estadounidense para el desarrollo internacional (Usaid) coordine con el gobierno en lugar de ejecutar "trabajos aislados".

El pasado fin de semana fue la secretaria de Estado estadounidense Hillary Clinton quien confirmó que los dos países iniciaron consultas para una probable reposición de embajadores, según despachos de prensa divulgados en Bolivia.

Anteriormente, Choquehuanca dijo que Bolivia espera la reposición de unas preferencias arancelarias que permitían exportar con arancel cero textiles y otras manufacturas a mercados de Estados Unidos las mismas que fueron suspendidas tras la expulsión en septiembre del embajador Philip Goldberg.

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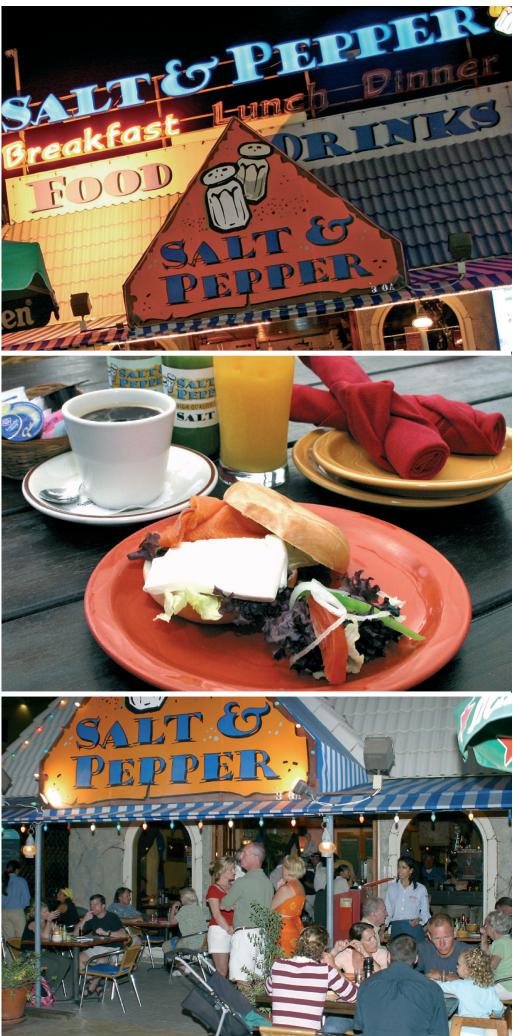
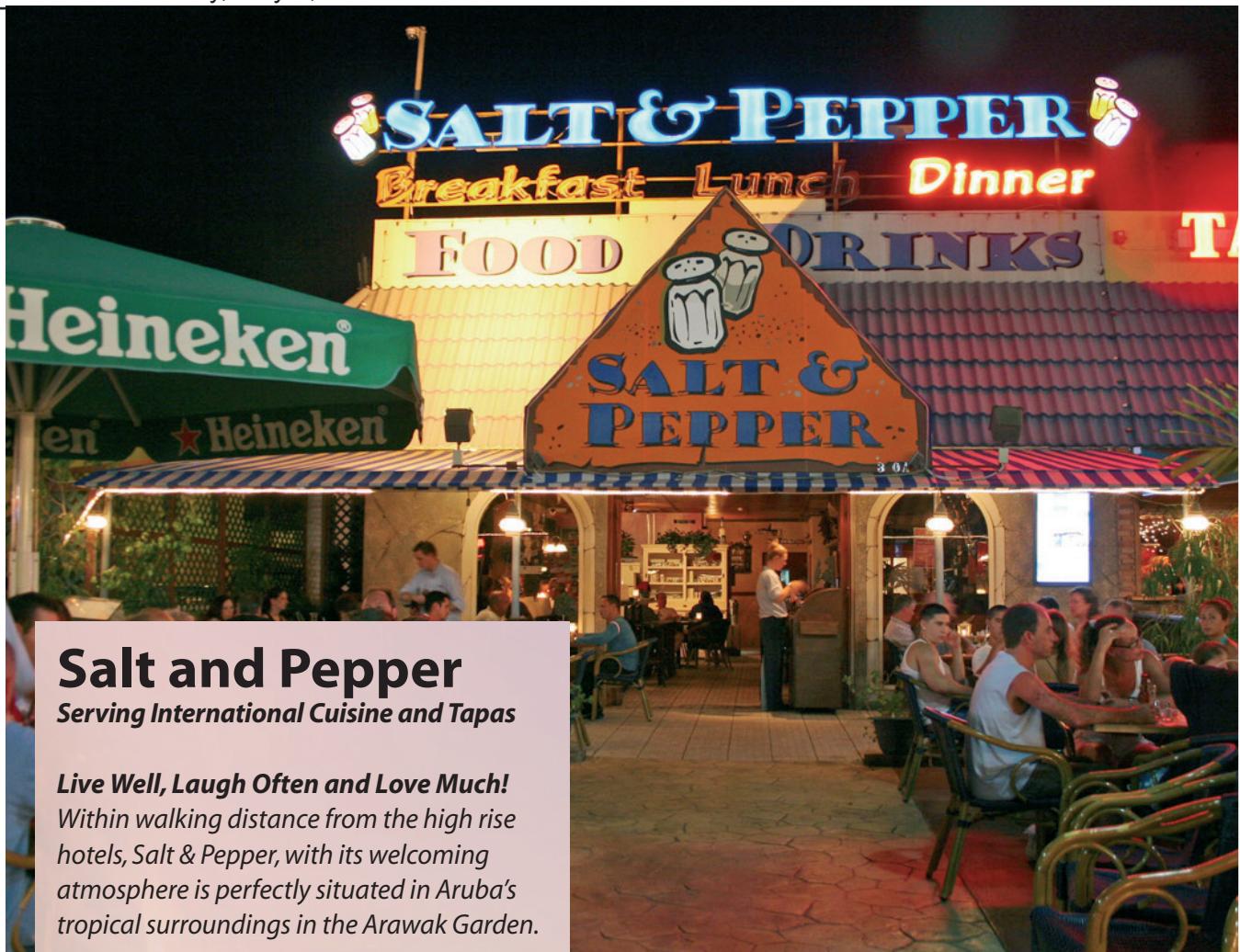
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